

By Mr. TAWNEY: Petition of citizens of Alden, Minn., against parcels-post law—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. THOMAS of Ohio: Paper to accompany bill for relief of W. B. Miller—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. WASHBURN: Paper to accompany bill for relief of Charles O. Thomas—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, paper to accompany bill for relief of John A. Taft (previously referred to Committee on Invalid Pensions)—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, petition of Army and Navy Union, Worcester, Mass., for increase of pay of Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue-Cutter Service—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. WATKINS: Papers to accompany bills for relief of estate of E. A. Givens and estate of Clinton Berry—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. WILLIAMS: Paper to accompany bill for relief of Sidney Stevens—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, paper to accompany bill for relief of Henry L. Blake, for himself and heirs of Mrs. Mary S. Blake—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, petition of John M. Mott, for coinage of silver on individual account—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, *December 21, 1907.*

Prayer by Rev. ULYSSES G. B. PIERCE, of the city of Washington.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday last, when, on request of Mr. FULTON, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Journal stands approved.

LIST OF CONGRESSIONAL CASES.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting, pursuant to the order of the court of December 13, 1907, a list of Congressional cases discontinued on claimants' motion, which discontinuance is certified upon motion of defendants, which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting, pursuant to the order of the court of December 13, 1907, a list of Congressional cases dismissed on motion of the defendants on the dates set opposite their respective names, which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting, pursuant to the order of the court of December 14, 1907, a list of Congressional cases dismissed on motion of the defendants May 13, 1907, for nonprosecution, which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

FRENCH SPOILIATION CLAIM.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting the findings of fact and conclusions of law filed under the act of January 20, 1885, in the French spoliation claims set out in the annexed findings by the court relating to the vessel sloop *For*, Nathaniel Dennis, master, which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

FINDINGS OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate communications from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting certified copies of the findings of fact filed by the court in the following causes:

In the cause of the estate of Jacob Kern, deceased, *v. United States*;

In the cause of Annie B. Berry, administratrix of Richard Berry, deceased, *v. United States*;

In the cause of Matilda Legg, sole surviving heir of James Legg, deceased, *v. United States*;

In the cause of George A. Nowland, administrator of James B. Beavers, deceased, *v. United States*;

In the cause of William H. Brown *v. United States*;

In the cause of Theodore R. Timby *v. United States*;

In the cause of The Village of Graysville, Catoosa County, Ga., *v. United States*;

In the cause of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Glenville, W. Va., *v. United States*;

In the cause of the trustees of the Black Swamp Baptist Church, of Robertville, S. C., *v. United States*; and

In the cause of Mrs. Delphine A. Taylor, Mrs. Amy A. Taylor, and Maria C. Quays, administratrix of Philip D. Quays, deceased, *v. United States*.

The foregoing findings were, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its chief clerk, announced that the House had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 58) to pay the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives their respective salaries for the month of December, 1907, on the 19th day of said month.

The message also announced that the House had passed a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 66) making appropriation to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the purchase and distribution of valuable seeds, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED.

The message further announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the enrolled joint resolution (H. J. Res. 58) to pay the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives their respective salaries for the month of December, 1907, on the 19th day of said month, and it was thereupon signed by the Vice-President.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented a petition of the West End Business Men's Association, of St. Louis, Mo., praying that an appropriation be made for the creation and maintenance of a transcontinental canal waterway commission, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

He also presented a petition of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, praying for the enactment of legislation to recognize the Arkansas River as a commercial highway, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. CULLOM presented a petition of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, praying that an appropriation be made for the erection of a new post-office building at Chicago, Ill., which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. LONG presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Osawatomie, Kans., and a memorial of the Commercial Club, of Gray County, Kans., remonstrating against the passage of the so-called "parcels-post bill," which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

He also presented a paper to accompany the bill (S. 614) granting an increase of pension to Edward C. Ellet, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also presented a petition of the Commercial Club, of Topeka, Kans., praying for the enactment of legislation providing for the improvement of the merchant marine, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. DOLLIVER presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the Sixth Congressional District of the State of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of the so-called "parcels-post bill," which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

He also presented a petition of the West End Improvement Club, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, praying for the enactment of legislation providing for the Federal inspection of grain in the interstate trade, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

He also presented a petition of sundry citizens of Independence, Iowa, and a petition of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, praying for the enactment of legislation to abolish child labor, which were referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

He also presented a petition of sundry citizens of the United States, praying for the enactment of legislation to increase the pensions of persons who are almost totally deaf, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also presented petitions of Capt. Alexander Dowd Post, No. 375; of W. A. Morse Post, No. 190; and of Ellsworth Post, No. 30, all of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Iowa, praying for the enactment of legislation providing a maximum pension of \$20 per month to the survivors of the civil war who have attained the age of 65 years, which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also presented a petition of Ellsworth Post, No. 30, Grand

Army of the Republic, Department of Iowa, of Ames, Iowa, praying for the passage of the so-called "Lafean pension bill," which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. PROCTOR presented memorials of St. Albans Council, No. 297, Knights of Columbus, of St. Albans; of Bennington Council, No. 307, Knights of Columbus, of Bennington; of Leo Council, No. 917, Knights of Columbus, of Brattleboro, and of Barre Council, No. 401, Knights of Columbus, of Barre, all in the State of Vermont, remonstrating against the enactment of legislation providing for reclassification of second-class mail matter and the rates of postage thereon, which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. BURKETT presented an affidavit in support of the bill (S. 1128) granting an increase of pension to William P. Snowden, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also presented an affidavit in support of the bill (S. 1935) granting a pension to Percy A. Barnes, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also presented sundry affidavits in support of the bill (S. 1095) granting an increase of pension to Robert P. Faris, which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also presented the memorial of Ray W. Weaverling, of Peru, Nebr., and a memorial of sundry retail merchants of Valentine, Nebr., remonstrating against the passage of the so-called "parcels-post bill," which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

REGULATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. President, I present a petition in the form of a letter from the attorney of the American National Live Stock Association and the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, with accompanying papers, being resolutions adopted by the American Live Stock Association which recently convened at Denver, Colo., and the Cattle Raisers' Association, of Texas, at its annual convention at Fort Worth, Tex., as well as a resolution adopted by the Trans-Mississippi Congress which recently held a session at Muskogee, Okla. I ask that the letter with the accompanying resolutions may be printed in the Record and referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce. They relate to the urgent necessity for the passage of an act of Congress on the subject of compelling the railroad companies to furnish cars to shippers, and I invite the attention of the committee specially to these papers.

There being no objection, the letter and accompanying resolutions were referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce and ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17, 1907.

HON. C. A. CULBERSON, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: At the request of the live-stock interest which I represent, I herewith hand you a copy of a resolution adopted by the American National Live Stock Association at the last annual convention, at Denver, Colo., January 23, 1907, which in substance was also adopted by the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas at its annual convention at Fort Worth, Tex., March 20, 1907, indorsing Senate bill 7887, introduced by you at the last session of Congress, defining the duties of common carriers with respect to furnishing cars to shippers, exchanging cars between themselves, and regulating the transportation service, fixing penalties for failure of such duties, and for like purposes, which bill has been reintroduced in the Senate at this session, numbered S. 483, and referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

I am directed by these organizations to request that these resolutions be presented to the Senate of the United States as the expression of the live-stock producers and shippers demanding relief from an intolerable condition, and will therefore thank you to have the same read in the Senate and such action taken thereon as is appropriate. A number of State and local associations of stockmen have during this year indorsed the same idea, and the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress passed a resolution of similar import at its meeting at Muskogee November 20, 1907.

In submitting these resolutions permit me to emphasize it that these organizations are thoroughly representative of the great live-stock producing interests of the trans-Mississippi country, where is produced over 72 per cent of the cattle and 75 per cent of the sheep and 52 per cent of the hogs of the United States, and probably 90 per cent of the surplus which supplies our domestic and foreign trade. They speak the sentiments of the farm producer as well as for the range producer from Texas to Montana and from the Mississippi to the Pacific.

The American National Live Stock Association is composed of State and local associations and individuals from nearly all of the Western States and from the Territories, while the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas represents its members, cattle raisers in all the Southwestern States and Territories, who do business of shipping throughout the West and to markets.

We do not know in what better way we can make their wishes known than through unanimous resolutions expressive of the facts and of our desires. We stand ready to prove the facts as stated.

Permit me to say further that the conditions of live-stock transportation have not, on the whole, improved over last year; though there may have been improvement on some lines, yet it has become worse on others.

The stockmen of the country do not subscribe to the idea that no law should be enacted for further regulation of railways to afford the shipper a fair and reasonable service for a fair price because of financial stringency. If, as contended, the roads are less able to comply with such requirements because of financial stringency, what is to be said for the stockman who is less able to stand the loss and injury to his business from the same cause? Shall that cause be pleaded to exempt the carrier and leave the shipper the bag to hold?

Investigation will show that earnings on the whole are greater rather than less since the regulating laws were enacted, and so it is with rates. The contrary contention is without foundation, except possible isolated cases. A free exchange of cars between the roads is one of the main purposes of the bill and will be of great advantage to the roads.

We shall thank you to present these resolutions to the Senate.

Very respectfully,

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION,
THE CATTLE RAISERS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS,
By S. H. COWAN, Attorney.

Resolution to require railroads to promptly furnish cars, etc.

Whereas many of the railroads have failed to supply themselves with sufficient facilities to perform their duties as common carriers in receiving and transporting freight throughout the western half of the United States, where live-stock raising and feeding and shipping is a most extensive and important industry, and have failed to furnish cars in which live stock could be shipped to market to such an extent that tens of thousands of cattle and sheep could not during the past season be marketed; and have failed to supply cars for such great length of time after orders have been given therefor that a large proportion of the live stock marketed were so much delayed, generally for weeks, and in so many instances for months, that they lost seriously in flesh and condition; and after cars were supplied and live stock loaded have moved to the same at such slow rate of speed and otherwise delayed shipments as to seriously damage such live stock; and

Whereas this treatment of the live-stock industry of the country has been growing worse year by year and has cost the producers millions of dollars, reaching the appalling condition during the past season of forcing many shippers practically out of the business, probably bankrupting some and seriously injuring and demoralizing the entire live-stock business, particularly in the Southwest; and

Whereas there are as a whole more stock cars and have been fewer shipments the past season than heretofore, and it is our belief from observation, experience, and from what we can ascertain, that there has been a reckless indifference of the railroad management in the localities where this disastrous condition has existed in supplying themselves with stock cars or in utilizing what they have been able to obtain, to transport live stock, either permitting the cars to stand idle, as has often been the case, or using them in transporting other traffic at a time when live stock was being held for shipment and fast depreciating in value, thereby producing a wanton destruction of property; and

Whereas there exists no adequate means of compelling the railroads to perform their duty to furnish cars and perform the transportation service in a reasonable time, if at all, and no means of securing adequate redress for failure of the railroads to perform those duties, where they fail to do so; and

Whereas there is no way by which one railroad can compel its connections to exchange empty cars for loaded cars of live stock, or to receive and forward live stock in the cars in which they are loaded; and

Whereas the refusal of railroads to permit cars to go off their own line and to deliver cars to other lines has to a great extent impaired the efficiency of the cars which should be available, and placed it beyond the power of many railroads to secure cars or a return of cars or exchange of cars and in this way demoralized the railroad service; and

Whereas it is our earnest belief concurred in by all those who investigate the subject, that the free exchange of cars and the through and rapid transportation of live stock is the only way in which this unbearable condition can be relieved; and

Whereas we believe that if left to themselves the railroads will not better conditions, at least not relieve them, in the absence of some law which compels a free exchange and intercourse of cars to enable each road to get back empty cars for loaded cars delivered to its connection, and a law which fixes penalties to compel the furnishing of cars to shippers, and the exchange and interchange as between railroads; and

Whereas there has been introduced in the Senate of the United States by the Hon. C. A. CULBERSON, United States Senator from Texas, a bill numbered S. 7887 declaring it to be the duty of railroads subject to the act to regulate commerce to provide sufficient facilities to perform with dispatch their duties as common carriers in furnishing cars and transporting all freight, including live stock, and to promptly transport same, and to exchange loaded and empty cars, and otherwise to provide sufficient facilities, fixing penalties for failure of such duties, and giving to the shipper the right to recover in any court of any State or Territory having jurisdiction his damages and attorney's fees, and, in case of failure to furnish cars for shipping live stock, double the damages sustained; and also empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce penalties for violation of the act, and to make rules and regulations with respect to the time and manner of giving notice for cars, furnishing cars, exchange and interchange of cars, and all needful rules and regulations in the administration of such law and to compel its observance, and providing rules applicable to the different classes and kind of freight and the varying circumstances and conditions of shipment; and

Whereas we believe that the enactment of said bill into law will speedily remedy the deplorable conditions herein set forth, and that some such measure is imperatively necessary; Now therefore be it

Resolved by the American National Live Stock Association in convention assembled at Denver, Colo., January 22 and 23, 1907, That we heartily indorse said bill and recommend to our Senator and Congressmen from all the Western States from which this association draws its membership that the same be passed; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be promptly printed and sent to each of the Western Senators and Congressmen, with the request that the same be read in both the Senate and House of Representatives as the expression of this convention; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy thereof be sent to President Roosevelt as the expression of this convention, with the request he submit to Congress a special message urging an enactment of such a law; and be it further

Resolved, That said bill be printed by the secretary of the association and furnished the members thereof, with the request that they write their respective Senators and Members of Congress urging the enactment thereof.

Duties of railroads.

Resolved by the Trans-Mississippi Congress in annual convention assembled at Muskogee, November 19 to 22, That we urgently insist that the Congress of the United States enact a law defining the duties

of common carriers to deliver to shippers at point of shipment in reasonable time cars for shipment of freight as interstate commerce and carry and deliver the same to the connecting lines in reasonable time or to destination, fixing penalties for such failure of duty; and to deliver in reasonable time after demand to their connecting lines as many suitable cars for similar freight as is delivered loaded for shipment such cars by the connecting line demanding such cars, fixing penalties for such failure of duty, and making the carriers each liable to shippers who may be damaged by the failure of such carriers to demand or deliver in pursuance thereof such cars.

Adopted by Trans-Mississippi Congress, November 20, 1907, annual convention at Muskogee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Mr. HEYBURN, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (S. 122) authorizing the purchase of grounds for the accommodation of public buildings for the use of the Government of the United States in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment and submitted a report thereon.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (S. 152) to provide a site and buildings for the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce and Labor, reported it without amendment and submitted a report thereon.

He also, from the same committee, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. R. 7) making certain sums of money available for the erection, and so forth, of public buildings, asked to be discharged from its further consideration and that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, which was agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. CULLOM introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Pensions:

A bill (S. 2927) granting an increase of pension to John W. Clem; and

A bill (S. 2928) granting an increase of pension to Lemon H. Wiley.

Mr. HEYBURN introduced a bill (S. 2929) to authorize the Idaho and Washington Northern Railroad to construct a bridge across the Pend d'Oreille River in the State of Washington, which was read twice by its title and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

He also introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Pensions:

A bill (S. 2930) granting an increase of pension to Edwin Smith; and

A bill (S. 2931) granting an increase of pension to Isabella Ann Irvin.

Mr. PILES introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Finance:

A bill (S. 2932) providing for the appointment of an assistant treasurer of the United States at the city of Seattle, in the State of Washington; and

A bill (S. 2933) providing for the refunding of certain license moneys collected in the district of Alaska to the town of Chena, in said district.

He also introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Public Lands:

A bill (S. 2934) permitting homestead entries upon certain lands in Whatcom County, Wash., being a portion of the "Point Roberts Reserve;" and

A bill (S. 2935) for the relief of John A. Williams and others.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2936) granting an increase of pension to Adam S. Bridgefarmer, which was read twice by its title and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2937) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of James T. Wellman, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming introduced a bill (S. 2938) to provide for the erection of a public building at Lander, Wyo., which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. CURTIS introduced a bill (S. 2939) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon in the city of Clay Center, State of Kansas, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. WARNER introduced a bill (S. 2940) authorizing the appointment of a vice-admiral in the Navy, which was read

twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. LONG introduced a bill (S. 2941) to provide for the purchase of a site and erection of a public building thereon in the city of Concordia, State of Kansas, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2942) granting an increase of pension to John M. Taylor, which was read twice by its title and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. PROCTOR introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds:

A bill (S. 2943) to provide for the erection of a post-office and custom-house at Richford, Vt.;

A bill (S. 2944) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Rutland, Vt.; and

A bill (S. 2945) to provide for the erection of a post-office at Bennington, Vt.

Mr. ALLISON introduced a bill (S. 2946) granting an increase of pension to William Deter, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. FLINT introduced a bill (S. 2947) granting an increase of pension to Edmund W. Flynn, which was read twice by its title and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2948) to provide additional station grounds and terminal facilities for the Arizona and California Railway Company in the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Ariz., which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

He also introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds:

A bill (S. 2949) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Santa Barbara, Cal.; and

A bill (S. 2950) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Riverside, Cal.

Mr. FULTON introduced a bill (S. 2951) for the relief of the State of Oregon, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2952) granting an increase of pension to Sarah J. Saltmarsh, which was read twice by its title and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2953) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint Col. James Jackson, United States Army, to the position of brigadier-general on the retired list, which was read twice by its title and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. RAYNER (for Mr. OWEN) introduced a bill (S. 2954) providing security to the depositors of United States national banks, for the prevention of the hoarding of currency, and for other purposes, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

He also introduced a bill (S. 2955) granting a pension to Ida S. Conway, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

He also (by request) introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Claims:

A bill (S. 2956) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of the Christ Reformed Congregation, of Middletown, Md.;

A bill (S. 2957) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of the estate of Henry Show, deceased;

A bill (S. 2958) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of the estate of Elijah Thompson, deceased;

A bill (S. 2959) for the relief of William H. Quinn;

A bill (S. 2960) for the relief of the heirs of Nicholas White, deceased;

A bill (S. 2961) for the relief of Thomas Fahey; and

A bill (S. 2962) for the relief of heirs and estate of George E. House, deceased.

Mr. DIXON introduced a bill (S. 2963) for the survey and allotment of lands now embraced within the limits of the Crow Indian Reservation, in the State of Montana, and the sale and disposal of all surplus lands after allotment, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

He also introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Pensions:

A bill (S. 2964) granting an increase of pension to John Burkman;

A bill (S. 2965) granting an increase of pension to James B. Linderman;

A bill (S. 2966) granting a pension to Sarah B. Clingerman; and

A bill (S. 2967) granting an increase of pension to Benjamin F. Martz.

Mr. McCUMBER introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Claims:

A bill (S. 2969) for the relief of O. Maury & Co., of Bordeaux, France;

A bill (S. 2970) for the relief of Capt. N. F. McClure, United States Army; and

A bill (S. 2971) for the relief of Capt. W. W. Wright, United States Army.

Mr. BURROWS introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Claims:

A bill (S. 2972) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of Thomas E. Streeter; and

A bill (S. 2973) for the relief of William S. Shaw.

Mr. JOHNSTON introduced a bill (S. 2974) to authorize the President to place certain articles on the free list, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

He also introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Claims:

A bill (S. 2975) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of the estate of Augustus N. Perkins, deceased;

A bill (S. 2976) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of the estate of William Cochran, deceased; and

A bill (S. 2977) to execute the findings of the Court of Claims in the case of James A. Paulk.

Mr. McCREARY introduced the following bills, which were severally read twice by their titles and referred to the Committee on Claims:

A bill (S. 2978) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of Russellville, Ky.;

A bill (S. 2979) for the relief of heirs and estate of Robert C. Jameson, deceased; and

A bill (S. 2980) to carry into effect the findings of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bryantsville, Ky.

Mr. SCOTT introduced a bill (S. 2981) to increase the limit of cost of the United States post-office and court-house at Colorado Springs, Colo., which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. CULLOM introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 16) proposing an amendment to the Constitution in relation to the term of service of the President of the United States, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. NELSON introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 17) to amend the provision in the river and harbor act of March 2, 1907, relating to the Sandy Lake reservoir dam, which was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

GRAZING UPON THE PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. BURKETT. I introduce a bill and move its reference to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, as that committee had charge of the subject last year.

The bill (S. 2968) providing for the control of grazing upon the public lands in the arid States and Territories of the United States was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

On motion of Mr. BURKETT, it was

Ordered, That 500 additional copies of the bill (S. 2968) providing for the control of grazing upon the public lands in the arid States and Territories of the United States be printed for the use of the Senate.

INVESTIGATION OF RECENT MINING DISASTERS.

Mr. SCOTT introduced a joint resolution (S. R. 18) appointing a commission to investigate the recent mining disasters in certain States of the United States, which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. SCOTT. I ask that the joint resolution may be read at length.

The joint resolution was read the second time at length, as follows:

Resolved, etc., That a commission is hereby created, consisting of three Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Said commission shall make full inquiry, examination, and investigation into the recent explosions in coal mines in the States of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Alabama, and other States. For the purpose of said inquiry, examination, and investigation, said commission is authorized to send for persons and papers, make all necessary travel, and through the chairman of the commission or any member thereof to administer oaths and to examine witnesses and papers respecting all matters pertaining to the subject, and to employ necessary clerical and other assistance. Said commission shall report to the Congress the conclusions reached by it and make such recommendations as in its judgment may seem proper. Such sums of money as may be necessary for the said inquiry, examination, and investigation are hereby appropriated and authorized to be paid out of money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, on vouchers approved by the chairman of said commission.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I should like to have the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining, and if possible to have a prompt report. I am receiving a great many letters and telegrams in regard to the great mine disasters which have occurred recently, and the people think it is time that there should be some investigation made in order to discover if possible where the blame rests.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The joint resolution will be referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

WILLIAM C. ECKSTEIN.

Mr. LONG submitted an amendment proposing to appropriate \$56 to reimburse William C. Eckstein, a clerk at fire department headquarters, District of Columbia, for amounts erroneously paid by him, etc., intended to be proposed to the District of Columbia appropriation bill, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

ELECTION OF SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE.

On motion of Mr. CULBERSON [for Mr. GORE] it was

Ordered, That 500 additional copies of the joint resolution (S. R. 15) proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing that Senators shall be elected by the people of the several States be printed.

ADDITIONAL CONGRESSMEN IN OKLAHOMA.

On motion of Mr. CULBERSON [for Mr. GORE] it was

Ordered, That 500 additional copies of the bill (S. 2290) providing for two additional Congressmen in Oklahoma be printed.

EXPENSES OF OKLAHOMA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. CULBERSON [for Mr. GORE] it was

Ordered, That 500 additional copies of the bill (S. 2289) making appropriations to defray the expenses of the constitutional convention of the Territory of Oklahoma and the expenses of holding an election for the ratification of the constitution and election of State and other officials, \$150,000, be printed.

SURVEYS OF FLATHEAD AND YELLOWSTONE RIVERS, MONTANA.

Mr. DIXON. I submit two concurrent resolutions and ask for their immediate consideration.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The first concurrent resolution sent to the desk by the Senator from Montana will be read.

The Secretary read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made of the Flathead River, Montana, from the mouth of the same to the city of Kalispell, with a view of dredging and cleaning out a channel carrying 4 feet of water from the city of Kalispell to the mouth of said river and to submit a plan and estimate for such improvements.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the present consideration of the concurrent resolution?

Mr. SCOTT. I object to its present consideration.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Objection is made, and the concurrent resolution will lie over. The Secretary will read for the information of the Senate the second concurrent resolution submitted by the Senator from Montana.

The Secretary read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made of the portion of the Yellowstone River from the city of Glendive, Mont., to the mouth of said river with a view of cleaning out the channel thereof so as to maintain a 4-foot stage of water therein, including a lock at the United States Government dam, and to submit a plan and estimate for such improvement.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Senator from Montana asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LODGE. Let it take the same course.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Objection is made, and the concurrent resolution will lie over.

Mr. CARTER. I suggest to my colleague the propriety of having the resolutions referred to the Committee on Commerce for consideration. I suppose there will be no objection to that course.

Mr. DIXON. Very well.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The concurrent resolutions will be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

*STATUE OF JABEZ LAMAR MONROE CURRY.

Mr. JOHNSTON submitted the following concurrent resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Library:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the statue of Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry, presented by the State of Alabama, to be placed in Statuary Hall, is accepted in the name of the United States, and that the thanks of Congress be tendered the State for the contribution of the statue of one of its most eminent citizens, illustrious for his distinguished civic services.

Second, That a copy of these resolutions, suitably engrossed and duly authenticated, be transmitted to the governor of Alabama.

THE RAMIE INDUSTRY.

Mr. HEYBURN. I submit a resolution and ask for its present consideration.

The resolution was read, as follows:

Resolved, That 500 additional copies of Senate Document No. 392 be printed as corrected, with envelopes, and that the incorrect edition now on hand be turned over to S. H. Slaughter for use in his work of the promotion of the ramie industry.

Mr. HEYBURN. Mr. President, in explanation of the resolution I will state that Mr. Slaughter at his own expense and trouble prepared this document. It accompanied Senate bill No. 4633 at the last session of Congress. Conditions have arisen which make it desirable to reprint the document. It is one for general information upon a subject in which a great many people are interested, and Mr. Slaughter desires to send out those that are on hand which are not correct and to have 500 correct copies printed for use under the rules of the Senate.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to.

REGULATION OF RAILROAD RATES.

Mr. FULTON. I send to the desk a copy of the bill (S. 423) to amend section 6 of the act entitled "An act to regulate commerce," approved February 4, 1887, and acts amendatory thereof. I ask that 500 additional copies of it may be printed. It is a proposed amendment to section 6 of the interstate-commerce act, and I make the further request that the portion which is the amendment may be printed in italics.

There being no objection, the order was reduced to writing and agreed to, as follows:

Ordered, That 500 additional copies of the bill (S. 423) to amend section 6 of an act entitled "An act to regulate commerce," approved February 4, 1887, and acts amendatory thereof, be printed with the amendment on pages 4 and 5 in italics.

SALARIES OF CERTAIN POSTMASTERS IN OHIO.

Mr. DICK. I submit a resolution and ask that it may lie on the table.

The resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to report to the Senate the salaries of those who served as postmasters at post-offices in the State of Ohio in biennial terms between July 1, 1864, and June 30, 1874, whose names and periods of service appear in Senate resolution No. 337, Fifty-seventh Congress, second session, the salary of each former postmaster to be stated for each specified term of service by commissions and box rents, as shown by the registered returns of each former postmaster on file in the Sixth Auditor's office, and to show the exact excess of the salary by commissions and box rents over the salary paid in every case where the paid salary is 10 per cent, more or less, than the salary by box rents and commissions; and to comply in all respects with the public order of the Postmaster-General of February 17, 1884, for stating such salary accounts of former postmasters under the act of March 3, 1883; and to enable the Secretary of the Treasury the better to comply with this resolution the Postmaster-General is hereby directed to turn over to the Sixth Auditor all the data now in his hands pertaining to each and every such claim specified in Senate resolution No. 337, Fifty-seventh Congress, second session.

SALARY ACCOUNTS OF POSTMASTERS.

Mr. DICK. I submit another resolution which I ask may take the same course.

The resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to have stated and audited in the Sixth Auditor's office the salary accounts of former postmasters who served at post-offices in the various States and Territories of the United States in terms between July 1, 1864, and July 1, 1874, and who applied to the Postmaster-General, prior to January 1, 1887, for payment of increased salary under the act of March 3, 1883, such salary accounts to be stated upon the registered returns of each postmaster for each term of service specified, and by the method and rule laid down by the Postmaster-General for the statement and payment of salary accounts of former postmasters under the act of March 3, 1883, in his public order of February 16, 1884, directing payment of salaries by commissions and box rents, less the salaries paid at the time of service; and to enable the Secretary of the Treasury the better to comply with this resolution the Postmaster-General is hereby directed to turn over to the Sixth Auditor all the data now in his hands pertaining to each and every such claim; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to report to the Senate as many such stated salary accounts of former postmasters, by States, as soon as they can be made ready during the present session.

SUSPENSION OF ASSESSMENT WORK ON MINING CLAIMS.

Mr. TELLER. Mr. President, I understood on the last day's session that no business would be done to-day except routine business. I understand also that that includes any subject which is not objected to by any Senator. At that session there was a bill of some importance considered. It is very short; it has been read and amended, and is now before the Senate. I ask the unanimous consent of the Senate that a vote may be taken on the passage of the bill. I believe there is no objection to this course. If there is, of course, it will go over.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Senator's understanding with respect to the transaction of business at to-day's session is correct, so far as it relates to routine business. There was nothing said with regard to the consideration of subjects to which there is no objection. The Senator from Colorado asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill (S. 1192) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend section No. 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to mining claims."

Mr. TELLER. I ask for a final vote on the bill.

Mr. SMOOT. I should like to ask the Senator from Colorado if the Senator from Montana [Mr. CARTER] understands that the bill is to be taken up this morning and passed?

Mr. TELLER. I spoke to the Senator from Montana. He does not desire to make any objection, and I hope the Senator from Utah will not object.

Mr. NELSON. Is the bill to be limited as it was the other day to the States named?

Mr. TELLER. Precisely as it was the other day.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The bill is in the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole have been concurred in. If no further amendment be proposed in the Senate, the bill will be ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

PAN-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS AT SANTIAGO, CHILE.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, which was read and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith for the consideration of the respective Houses of the Congress a report of the Secretary of State representing the appropriateness of early action in order that in response to the invitation of the Government of Chile the Government of the United States may be enabled fittingly to be represented at the First Pan-American Scientific Congress to be held at Santiago, Chile, the first ten days of December, 1908.

The recommendations of this report have my hearty approval and I hope that the Congress will see fit to make timely provision to enable the Government to respond appropriately to the invitation of the Government of Chile in the sending of delegates to a congress which can not fail to be of great interest and importance to the governments and peoples of all the American Republics.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 21, 1907.

AGRICULTURAL AND GAME PROTECTION.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, which was read and, with the accompanying paper and illustrations, referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and ordered to be printed:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith the report of the Secretary of Agriculture on the work of the Biological Survey in the interest of agricultural and game protection, prepared in response to the requirements of a provision in the act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, together with an estimate of the Public Printer, as provided in public act No. 153, approved March 1, 1907, of the cost of printing the usual number of copies of the report, both with and without the accompanying illustrations.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 21, 1907.

PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF VALUABLE SEEDS.

The joint resolution (H. J. Res. 66) making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the purchase and distribution of valuable seeds was read the first time by its title.

Mr. ALLISON. That is a deficiency appropriation, and I understand it is rather important that it should be considered at this time, at least that it would facilitate the operations of the Department if it were passed at once. Therefore

I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution may be considered now.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The joint resolution will be read the second time at length for the information of the Senate.

The joint resolution was read the second time at length, as follows:

Resolved, etc., That to supply a deficiency occasioned by the destruction of the seed warehouse used by the Department of Agriculture in the city of Washington November 6, 1907, in the appropriation "Purchase and distribution of valuable seeds," including each and every object authorized by law and specified in the appropriation of \$238,000, except the provision for the purchase of foreign seed, under this title in the "Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908," approved March 4, 1907, the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Iowa for the present consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the joint resolution was considered as in Committee of the Whole.

The joint resolution was reported to the Senate without amendment, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. CULLOM. I move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business. After eight minutes spent in executive session the doors were reopened and (at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the concurrent resolution of the two Houses, until Monday, January 6, 1908, at 12 o'clock meridian.

NOMINATIONS.

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 21, 1907.

CONSULS.

William H. Gale, of Virginia, now consul of class 9 at Puerto Plata, for promotion to be consul of the United States of class 8 at Malta, Maltese Islands, vice John H. Grout, nominated for promotion to be consul of class 6 at Odessa.

John H. Grout, of Massachusetts, now consul of class 8 at Malta, for promotion to be consul of the United States of class 6 at Odessa, Russia, vice Thomas E. Heenan, promoted to be consul-general of class 5 at Newchwang.

George B. Killmaster, of Michigan, now consul of class 9 at Port Rowan, for promotion to be consul of the United States of class 7 at Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, vice Frederic W. Goding, promoted to be consul of class 6 at Montevideo.

John N. McCunn, of Wisconsin, now consul of class 7 at Dunfermline, for promotion to be consul of the United States of class 4 at Glasgow, Scotland, vice Richard W. Austin, resigned.

Maxwell Blake, of Missouri, now consul of class 9 at Funchal, for promotion to be consul of the United States of class 7 at Dunfermline, Scotland, vice John N. McCunn, nominated for promotion to be consul of class 4 at Glasgow.

Maxwell K. Moorhead, of Pennsylvania, now consul of class 9 at Belgrade, for promotion to be consul of the United States of class 8 at Acapulco, Mexico, vice George W. Dickinson, resigned.

COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

Fred W. Wight, of Maine, to be collector of customs for the district of Waldoboro, in the State of Maine. Reappointment.

RECEIVER OF PUBLIC MONEYS.

Albert A. Roberts, of Oregon, whose term will expire January 18, 1908, to be receiver of public moneys at La Grande, Ore. Reappointment.

Fred P. Cronemiller, of Oregon, to be receiver of public moneys at Lakeview, Ore., vice Charles W. Snider. Term expired.

Frank Davey, of Oregon, to be receiver of public moneys at Burns, Ore., vice Albert W. Gowan, term expired.

REGISTERS OF LAND OFFICES.

Frank C. Bramwell, of La Grande, Ore., to be register of the land office at La Grande, Ore., vice Edward W. Davis, term expired.

John N. Watson, of Oregon, to be register of the land office at Lakeview, Ore., his term having expired November 12, 1907. (Reappointment.)

Cornelius N. Van Hosen, of Missouri, to be register of the

land office at Springfield, Mo., his term having expired December 17, 1907. (Reappointment.)

SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

John W. March, of Estancia, N. Mex., to be surveyor-general of New Mexico, vice Morgan O. Llewellyn, resigned.

PROMOTION IN THE ARMY.

Cavalry Arm.

Second Lieut. Edward R. Coppock, Third Cavalry, to be first lieutenant from December 16, 1907, vice Stott, Second Cavalry, deceased.

PROMOTIONS IN NAVY.

Lieut. Commander Edwin A. Anderson, an additional number in grade, to be a commander in the Navy from the 6th day of December, 1907, vice Lieut. Commander Marbury Johnston, promoted.

Surg. Clement Biddle, to be a medical inspector in the Navy from the 16th day of June, 1907, vice Medical Inspector Walter A. McClurg, promoted.

POSTMASTERS.

ALABAMA.

Walter H. Harkins to be postmaster at Fayette, Fayette County, Ala. Office became Presidential January 1, 1907.

CALIFORNIA.

John Ainscough to be postmaster at Banning, Riverside County, Cal. Office became Presidential July 1, 1907.

William G. Hawley to be postmaster at San Jose, Santa Clara County, Cal., in place of William G. Hawley. Incumbent's commission expired February 9, 1907.

Nels A. Thompson to be postmaster at Newman, Stanislaus County, Cal., in place of Nels A. Thompson. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

COLORADO.

Milton E. Bashor to be postmaster at Ordway, Otero County, Colo. Office became Presidential October 1, 1907.

CONNECTICUT.

Edmund E. Crowe, to be postmaster at South Norwalk, Fairfield County, Conn., in place of Edmund E. Crowe. Incumbent's commission expired December 17, 1907.

Samuel E. Loudon to be postmaster at Riverside, Fairfield County, Conn. Office became Presidential July 1, 1907.

James R. Meigs to be postmaster at Madison, New Haven County, Conn., in place of James R. Meigs. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

Rufus H. Seymour to be postmaster at Ridgefield, Fairfield County, Conn., in place of Rufus H. Seymour. Incumbent's commission expired December 17, 1907.

DELAWARE.

Frank W. Davis to be postmaster at Milford, Kent County, Del., in place of John P. Steward. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

Thomas Jefferson to be postmaster at Smyrna, Kent County, Del., in place of Thomas Jefferson. Incumbent's commission expired March 18, 1907.

GEORGIA.

Nemie F. Awtrey to be postmaster at Lagrange, Troup County, Ga., in place of Nemie F. Awtrey. Incumbent's commission expired January 20, 1907.

John H. Boone to be postmaster at Hazelhurst, Jeff Davis County, Ga. Office became Presidential January 1, 1907.

Fred Feltham to be postmaster at Boston, Thomas County, Ga., in place of Fred Feltham. Incumbent's commission expired November 24, 1907.

George F. Flanders to be postmaster at Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Ga., in place of George F. Flanders. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

Lizzie Hamilton to be postmaster at Buford, Gwinnett County, Ga., in place of Lizzie Hamilton. Incumbent's commission expires January 11, 1908.

Edward A. Hollis to be postmaster at Reynolds, Taylor County, Ga. Office became Presidential October 1, 1907.

Robert E. James to be postmaster at Douglasville, Douglas County, Ga. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

George L. Liverman to be postmaster at Bainbridge, Decatur County, Ga., in place of George L. Liverman. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

John W. Spinks to be postmaster at Dallas, Paulding County, Ga. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

IDAHO.

Watson N. Shilling to be postmaster at Rupert, Lincoln County, Idaho. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

ILLINOIS.

William Hawley to be postmaster at Dundee, Kane County, Ill., in place of William Hawley. Incumbent's commission expired December 17, 1907.

Anna B. Spooner to be postmaster at Blue Mound, Macon County, Ill., in place of Philip D. Spooner, resigned.

INDIANA.

Timothy De Brular to be postmaster at Garrett, Dekalb County, Ind., in place of Amanda Sullivan, resigned.

Duane Scott to be postmaster at Fremont, Steuben County, Ind., in place of Joshua P. Albright. Incumbent's commission expires January 18, 1908.

IOWA.

Jacques Alfred Frech to be postmaster at Bancroft, Kossuth County, Iowa, in place of Wilbur F. Laidley, removed.

P. T. Grimes to be postmaster at Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, in place of Frank C. Traverse. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

Annas M. Henderson to be postmaster at Story City, Story County, Iowa, in place of Annas M. Henderson. Incumbent's commission expired December 1, 1907.

Charles F. Le Compte to be postmaster at Corydon, Wayne County, Iowa, in place of Charles F. Le Compte. Incumbent's commission expired December 14, 1907.

KANSAS.

Henry W. Conrad to be postmaster at Independence, Montgomery County, Kans., in place of Henry W. Conrad. Incumbent's commission expired December 14, 1907.

Zelma P. Jackson to be postmaster at Coldwater, Comanche County, Kans. Office became Presidential January 1, 1907.

Albert L. Utterback to be postmaster at Caney, Montgomery County, Kans., in place of Albert L. Utterback. Incumbent's commission expired December 14, 1907.

MAINE.

Frank W. Rollins to be postmaster at Ellsworth, Hancock County, Me., in place of Frank W. Rollins. Incumbent's commission expired December 16, 1907.

MICHIGAN.

Charles Bidwell, jr., to be postmaster at Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Mich., in place of Charles Bidwell, jr. Incumbent's commission expires January 4, 1908.

Ralph D. Harris to be postmaster at Almont, Lapeer County, Mich., in place of Ralph D. Harris. Incumbent's commission expires January 18, 1908.

C. Horatio Scott to be postmaster at Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Mich., in place of William Webster. Incumbent's commission expired November 19, 1907.

Carmi R. Smith to be postmaster at Niles, Berrien County, Mich., in place of Carmi R. Smith. Incumbent's commission expired November 19, 1907.

MINNESOTA.

Gunnar B. Bjornson to be postmaster at Minneota, Lyon County, Minn., in place of Gunnar B. Bjornson. Incumbent's commission expired February 9, 1907.

Oliver B. Boobar to be postmaster at Sauk Center, Stearns County, Minn., in place of Oliver B. Boobar. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

Frank H. Buelow to be postmaster at Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minn., in place of Frank H. Buelow. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

Eilert Koefod to be postmaster at Glenwood, Pope County, Minn., in place of Eilert Koefod. Incumbent's commission expired December 14, 1907.

Seth J. Swanson to be postmaster at Cokato, Wright County, Minn., in place of Seth J. Swanson. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

William W. Towle to be postmaster at Annandale, Wright County, Minn., in place of William H. Towle. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

MISSOURI.

Isaac N. Barnett to be postmaster at Piedmont, Wayne County, Mo., in place of Samuel R. Durham, resigned.

Edwin Pidgeon to be postmaster at Ferguson, St. Louis County, Mo. Office became Presidential October 1, 1907.

MONTANA.

Clarence H. Drake to be postmaster at Chouteau, Teton County, Mont., in place of Clarence H. Drake. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

Danfel H. Ross to be postmaster at Missoula, Missoula County, Mont., in place of Daniel H. Ross. Incumbent's commission expired December 1, 1907.

Charles A. Peterson to be postmaster at Plains, Sanders County, Mont. Office became Presidential July 1, 1907.

NEBRASKA.

Dell Akin to be postmaster at Atkinson, Holt County, Nebr., in place of Thomas B. Walker. Incumbent's commission expired December 1, 1907.

James H. Oliver to be postmaster at Ashland, Saunders County, Nebr., in place of Samuel B. Hall. Incumbent's commission expires January 18, 1908.

NEVADA.

J. A. Rogers to be postmaster at Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nev., in place of Samuel J. Anderson, resigned.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Charles E. Buzzell to be postmaster at Lakeport, Belknap County, N. H., in place of Charles E. Buzzell. Incumbent's commission expires January 11, 1908.

George L. Stockell, jr., to be postmaster at Exeter, Rockingham County, N. H., in place of George L. Stockell, jr. Incumbent's commission expires February 20, 1908.

NEW JERSEY.

James L. Hays to be postmaster at Newark, Essex County, N. J., in place of James L. Hays. Incumbent's commission expired December 11, 1907.

Vancleve E. Mott to be postmaster at Rockaway, Morris County, N. J., in place of Elias B. Mott, resigned.

Frank M. O'Shea to be postmaster at Westwood, Bergen County, N. J., in place of James M. Bogert, deceased.

William G. Simpson to be postmaster at High Bridge, Hunterdon County, N. J., in place of William G. Simpson. Incumbent's commission expires January 25, 1908.

NEW MEXICO.

John M. Hawkins to be postmaster at Alamogordo, Otero County, N. Mex., in place of John M. Hawkins. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

Miguel A. Senecal to be postmaster at Las Vegas, San Miguel County, N. Mex. Office became Presidential October 1, 1907.

NEW YORK.

John Diesend to be postmaster at Tuckahoe, Westchester County, N. Y., in place of John Borup, resigned.

Lucius R. Doty to be postmaster at Catskill, Greene County, N. Y., in place of Lucius R. Doty. Incumbent's commission expired November 19, 1907.

George T. Eveland to be postmaster at Franklin, Delaware County, N. Y., in place of George T. Eveland. Incumbent's commission expired December 17, 1907.

Alexander M. Harriott to be postmaster at Rye, Westchester County, N. Y., in place of George P. Nickels, removed.

Warren J. Martin to be postmaster at Port Chester, Westchester County, N. Y., in place of Warren J. Martin. Incumbent's commission expired December 17, 1907.

Seraph E. Wolcott to be postmaster at Keeseville, Essex County, N. Y., in place of Seraph E. Wolcott. Incumbent's commission expired February 12, 1907.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Eugene Brownlee to be postmaster at Tryon, Polk County, N. C. Office became Presidential January 1, 1907.

Walter Hollis Everhart to be postmaster at Newton, Catawba County, N. C., in place of Robert P. Reinhardt, deceased.

James McN. Johnson to be postmaster at Aberdeen, Moore County, N. C. Office became Presidential July 1, 1907.

L. D. Mendenhall to be postmaster at Randleman, Randolph County, N. C. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

Edwin H. Morris to be postmaster at Mocksville, Davie County, N. C., in place of Edwin H. Morris. Incumbent's commission expires January 11, 1908.

Nathaniel J. Palmer to be postmaster at Milton, Caswell County, N. C. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

Charles F. Smathers to be postmaster at Canton, Haywood County, N. C. Office became Presidential July 1, 1907.

James E. Smith to be postmaster at Kittrell, Vance County, N. C. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

OHIO.

Mary S. Hill to be postmaster at Berlin Heights, Erie County, Ohio. Office became Presidential January 1, 1907.

Elva Andrew Jackson to be postmaster at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, in place of Walter M. Kyle. Incumbent's commission expired November 19, 1907.

Otis T. Locke to be postmaster at Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, in place of Otis T. Locke. Incumbent's commission expired February 26, 1907.

John F. White to be postmaster at Logan, Hocking County, Ohio, in place of Francis M. McKay, removed.

OKLAHOMA.

Louis N. Bushorr to be postmaster at Pawnee, Pawnee County, Okla., in place of Louis N. Bushorr. Incumbent's commission expired November 24, 1907.

OREGON.

George W. Donnell to be postmaster at Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oreg., in place of Carlton E. Harmon. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

Robert A. Emmitt to be postmaster at Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oreg., in place of Hiram F. Murdock. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

Hervey M. Hoskins to be postmaster at McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oreg., in place of John G. Eckman. Incumbent's commission expired March 18, 1907.

PENNSYLVANIA.

William H. Clewell to be postmaster at Summithill, Carbon County, Pa. Office became Presidential October 1, 1907.

S. P. Ekas to be postmaster at Natrona, Allegheny County, Pa., in place of Joseph E. Euwer, removed.

James M. Elser to be postmaster at Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pa., in place of Francis A. Ready. Incumbent's commission expired November 19, 1907.

George S. Mullin to be postmaster at Hyndman, Bedford County, Pa., in place of George S. Mullin. Incumbent's commission expired November 19, 1907.

Alfred E. Williams to be postmaster at Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pa., in place of Alfred E. Williams. Incumbent's commission expired March 2, 1907.

RHODE ISLAND.

William M. Gorham to be postmaster at Bristol, Bristol County, R. I., in place of William M. Gorham. Incumbent's commission expired December 19, 1907.

Benjamin B. Martin to be postmaster at Warren, Bristol County, R. I., in place of Benjamin B. Martin. Incumbent's commission expired December 19, 1907.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

George N. Breed to be postmaster at Brookings, Brookings County, S. Dak., in place of Charles F. Allen. Incumbent's commission expired December 18, 1907.

Alonzo E. Roop to be postmaster at Salem, McCook County, S. Dak., in place of William T. Ellis. Incumbent's commission expired December 19, 1907.

TENNESSEE.

Bird P. Allison to be postmaster at Monterey, Putnam County, Tenn. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

William M. Bray to be postmaster at Henderson, Chester County, Tenn., in place of William M. Bray. Incumbent's commission expired December 16, 1907.

Clarence V. Gwin to be postmaster at Hartsville, Trousdale County, Tenn. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

Rufus T. Hickman to be postmaster at Lynnville, Giles County, Tenn., in place of Rufus T. Hickman. Incumbent's commission expired November 23, 1907.

Robert H. McNeely to be postmaster at Humboldt, Gibson County, Tenn., in place of Robert H. McNeely. Incumbent's commission expired January 13, 1906.

Norvell L. Scobey to be postmaster at Newbern, Dyer County, Tenn., in place of Norvell L. Scobey. Incumbent's commission expired February 12, 1907.

Luther A. Styles to be postmaster at McCays, Polk County, Tenn. Office became Presidential April 1, 1907.

VERMONT.

Henry G. Blanchard to be postmaster at Newport, Orleans County, Vt., in place of Henry G. Blanchard. Incumbent's commission expired December 17, 1907.

WASHINGTON.

Minor McLain to be postmaster at Ferndale, Whatcom County, Wash. Office became Presidential October 1, 1907.

WISCONSIN.

Wilbur H. Bridgman to be postmaster at Stanley, Chippewa County, Wis., in place of Wilbur H. Bridgman. Incumbent's commission expired December 14, 1907.

Daniel E. Frost to be postmaster at Stevens Point, Portage County, Wis., in place of Henry Curran, deceased.

Edward B. Mattoon to be postmaster at Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, Wis., in place of Edith L. Maynard. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

H. B. Quimby to be postmaster at Reedsburg, Sauk County, Wis., in place of Thomas W. Claridge. Incumbent's commission expired November 17, 1907.

WYOMING.

William H. Dobson to be postmaster at Newcastle, Weston County, Wyo., in place of William H. Dobson. Incumbent's commission expired December 17, 1907.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 21, 1907.

CONSULS.

William H. Gale, of Virginia, to be consul of class 8 at Malta, Maltese Islands.

Maxwell Blake, of Missouri, to be consul of class 7 at Dunfermline, Scotland.

MARSHAL.

James M. Yeager, of Pennsylvania, to be United States marshal for the middle district of Pennsylvania.

POSTMASTERS.

MAINE.

Frank W. Rollins to be postmaster at Ellsworth, Hancock County, Me.

MICHIGAN.

C. Horatio Scott to be postmaster at Sault Ste Marie, Chippewa County, Mich.

PENNSYLVANIA.

James M. Esler to be postmaster at Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pa.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, December 21, 1907.

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D., as follows:

Father of light and life, justice and mercy, love and liberty, peace and good will, our hearts turn to Thee with inexpressible joy and gratitude at this season of the year, which reminds us of Thine own best gift to the world, through whom Thou didst reveal Thine own heart and through whom Thou didst impart life more abundantly unto Thy children. Help us, we beseech Thee, to forgive our transgressors as we hope at last to be forgiven of Thee.

We thank Thee that the indications now point to the ushering in of that permanent and lasting peace 'twixt all the nations of the earth heralded by the angelic host ages ago, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Let Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, attend the officers, Members, and employees of this House and their respective families as we separate for the holiday season and bring us together at the appointed time in health, strength, and vigor, that we may do the work that Thou hast given us to do in the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, December 19, 1907, was read and approved.

ADMITTING HERNAN ULLOA TO WEST POINT.

Mr. HULL of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the following resolution, which I send to the desk and ask to have read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 80) authorizing the Secretary of War to receive for instruction at the Military Academy at West Point Mr. Hernan Ulloa, of Costa Rica.

Resolved, etc., That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized to permit Mr. Hernan Ulloa, of Costa Rica, to receive instruction at the Military Academy at West Point: *Provided*, That no expense shall be caused to the United States thereby and that the said Hernan Ulloa shall agree to comply with all regulations for the police and discipline of the academy, to be studious, and to give his utmost efforts to accomplish the courses in the various departments of instruction: *And provided further*, That in the case of the said Hernan Ulloa the provisions of sections 1320 and 1321 of the Revised Statutes shall be suspended.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, as I understand this resolution, it involves no expense to the United States Government.

Mr. HULL of Iowa. No expense at all. It comes from the Secretary of State in the usual form that has been the custom for at least forty or fifty years. The resolution expressly declares there shall be no expense to the United States. The Secretary of War reports that there are accommodations that can be furnished. It is simply the courtesy that has always been extended to these little republics without costing the Government anything.

The SPEAKER. The Chair hears no objection. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.